

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2012

## CALL TO ORDER

### Roll Call

Attendance

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was then taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., and Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler. Alderman Ward Three Jarrett Dace was unable to attend. Also attending were City Attorney Matt Schroeder, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Clerk Jan Koch, and City Engineer Robert Schaffer.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda

Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held July 17, 2012 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held July 17, 2012 were presented. Alderman Kase made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the special council meeting held July 31, 2012 were presented. Alderman Watz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the special closed meeting held July 31, 2012 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## REQUESTS & PETITIONS

### Temporary Liquor License - Meramec Fair Youth Livestock Group

Temporary Liquor License 9/29/12

Livestock Group Fund Raiser

(Denise) Sue Koch appeared before the Board as Livestock Coordinator for the Meramec Community Fair. She stated that several buildings have been constructed on the fairgrounds in past years using funds raised by the 4H/FFA youth & parents. Mrs. Koch reported that the Livestock Group needs three additional buildings as the show barn is maxed out. They need to add on to the show barn, build a barn to house sheep, goats, rabbits & poultry, and an additional hog barn. She reported that a fund raiser has been planned for September 29, 2012—a “Barn Raising Banquet” in the large barn. They would like to have a cash wine bar at this dinner. She requested permission to: 1) hold the dinner in the large barn at the fairgrounds; 2) a temporary liquor license for the cash wine bar, and; 3) after the fund raiser, to proceed with the construction of the buildings under coordination with city staff. Some discussion ensued with Alderman Alexander asking if she felt the success of the event hinged on liquor sales. Mrs. Koch replied that this was the first time this has been done, she was unsure what role it would play in the success of the event. She reported that the wine would be served by the “White Mule” out of Owensville, Missouri along with a rib-eye dinner prepared by the “Franklin County Cattleman

Association”. Following this discussion, Alderman Watz made a motion to approve the temporary liquor license to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at the livestock barn of Sullivan Fairgrounds located at 1090 Mattox Drive, contingent upon approval by the State of Missouri; and to work with city staff on plans for the buildings construction—which is contingent upon further Board review. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Liquor License - Rino’s Seafood & Steakhouse**

Rino’s Liquor License

Melissa A. Spurgeon submitted an application on behalf of Rino’s Seafood & Steakhouse to sell intoxicating liquor all kinds by the drink at 617 Missouri Avenue. Alderman Kase made a motion to approve the liquor licenses contingent upon approval of the State of Missouri and contingent upon approval of the city merchant’s license. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Liquor Licenses - Aldi’s Incorporated (320 Park Ridge)**

Aldi’s Liquor License (New Location)

Mr. Paul Piorkowski submitted an application on behalf of Aldi’s Incorporated to sell intoxicating liquor in original package not consumed on premises with Sunday Sales at 320 Park Ridge. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the liquor licenses contingent upon approval of the State of Missouri and contingent upon approval of the city merchant’s license. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**P & Z and Airport Board Meetings**

P&Z Comp Plan Airport Fly-In

The Airport Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 8, 2012 which will be their last one prior to the Fly-In which will be held August 25, 2012. It was noted that a fund raiser for the Harney Mansion will follow the Fly-In event. Planning & Zoning’s next meeting will be August 14, 2012 and will review the zoning map as it pertains to the city’s comprehensive plan.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Single-Phase Padmount Transformers**

Single-Phase Padmount Transformer Bids

Bids for twenty-five 25KVA single-phase padmount transformers advertised and opened on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. They are briefly summarized as follows:

<i>Bidder/Address</i>	<i>25 KVA (each)</i>	<i>Estimated Delivery</i>	<i>Total Bid</i>
Fletcher Reinhardt Co. Bridgeton, MO	\$1,374.00	10-12 weeks	\$34,350.00
Arkansas Electric Little Rock, AR	(No Bid)	(No Bid)	(No Bid)
Harry Cooper Supply Springfield, MO	\$1,438.00	12 weeks	\$35,950.00
Delmo Incorporated Fisk, MO	(No Bid)	(No Bid)	(No Bid)

Staff recommended approval of the lowest qualifying bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the total amount of \$34,350.00. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation and Alderman Ryan seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

**ICC Code Review**

ICC Code Review  
Hearing 8/30/12

The 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes and the 2008 National Electrical Codes (NEC) have been posted on the city's Facebook page and a public hearing has been scheduled for August 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Adoption of the codes will help maintain the city's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. The City of Sullivan is currently working under the 2003 ICC Codes and 2002 NEC Codes. Several cities in Franklin County have already adopted the 2009 updated codes.

**Enhanced Enterprise Zone**

EEZ Hearing  
8/30/12

A special meeting was held on July 31, 2012 with Missouri Department of Economic Development representative Grey Jackson present along with Franklin County representative Scottie Eagan and Oak Grove Chairman Richard Ray in attendance. It was the general consensus of those present at the meeting to move forward with the establishment of an Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Draft ordinances were presented for review and a public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. It was generally agreed to place the draft ordinance for the blighted area on the next regular council meeting agenda (August 21, 2012). City Administrator Hardy reported he plans on discussing the EEZ with the locals as well as the news media.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**Closed Session**

Closed Session

City Administrator Hardy reported he had one matter for discussion in closed session concerning personnel.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

August 2012  
Finance

**August 2012**

Alderman Watz was appointed to review the monthly bills for August 2012 with Alderman Alexander named as the alternate.

**ALDERMEN INPUT**

**Trash Cans**

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Alderman Ryan reported he has received some calls about trash cans being left along sidewalks all during the week.

**Bud Street**

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Alderman Alexander stated that progress is being made on the unpaved portion of Bud Street. Alderman Kase added that residents in the area are reportedly glad to see this happening.

**Police Department**

Police Accolades

Alderman Watz extended accolades to the Sullivan Police Department on their recent activities—particularly a meth lab bust.

On that same note, Mayor Leasor commended Police Chief George R. Counts for more than thirty years of service with the City of Sullivan.

**CITY CLERK INPUT**

Tax Hearing

**Tax Hearing**

A public hearing will be scheduled for proposed real estate property tax rates for the year 2012 as soon as the final assessed valuations have been received from the Assessor Offices of Franklin & Crawford Counties.

Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION**

The time was approximately 7:25 p.m., and Alderman Watz made a motion to adjourn into closed session with closed records and closed votes to discuss one matter concerning personnel. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; and Alderman Craig Kase, aye.



Closed Results

**CLOSED RESULTS**

As a result of the closed meeting held August 7, 2012 one matter concerning personnel was discussed. (See action taken following return to open session.)

Return to Open

**RETURN TO OPEN**

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 9:00 p.m.



Cochran Termination

**Dave Cochran Termination**

The City Administrator has the authority to terminate the services of any employee and on August 1, 2012, Administrator Hardy terminated the employment of Dave Cochran. In accordance with the *Personnel Policy*, Mr. Cochran requested a closed hearing with the Board of Aldermen on August 7, 2012.

According to *Policy*, the Board of Aldermen are to return to open session following the hearing to vote to sustain, amend or overturn the decision. If the Board finds the City Administrator proved its case, then the imposition is not to be disturbed unless the Board finds the penalty to be either insufficient in its terms, excessive and unreasonable, or that the City Administrator abused his discretion.

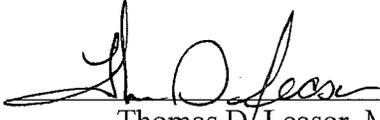
Board Sustains

Following this review of the *Personnel Policy*, a motion was made by Alderman Wessler and seconded by Alderman Ryan to sustain the City Administrator's decision to terminate the employment of Dave Cochran. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; and Alderman Craig Kase, aye.

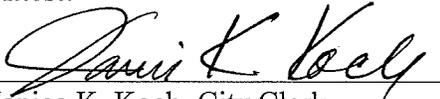
Adjourn

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Watz made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

  
Thomas D. Leasor, Mayor

Attest:

  
Janice K. Koch, City Clerk

